GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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Non-supply of Foodgrain Stock
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received complaints in regard to non- supply of foodgrain stock as per demands of the State Governments; and
(b) if so, the details of the steps taken by the Government to resolve these complaints, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY)
(a) & (b): Government of India enacted National Food Security Act (NFSA), 2013 on 05.07.2013 to provide subsidized foodgrains to the States/UTs. The Act provides for coverage of upto 75% of the rural population and upto 50% of the urban population i.e nearly 67% population of the country for receiving subsidized foodgrains under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS), thus covering about two-third of the population. The eligible beneficiaries belonging to Priority category and the Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) households, which constitute the poorest of the poor, are entitled to receive 5 Kg of foodgrains per person per month and 35 Kg of foodgrains per household per month respectively at highly subsidised prices of Rs. 3/2/1 per Kg for rice/wheat/coarse grains. The coverage under the Act has been delinked from poverty estimates and is based on the updated population figures of Census, 2011.
A tide over allocation is also being made to the States to protect average annual offtake of last three years before the NFSA came into effect. Govt. of India also allocates foodgrains to the States/UTs for any additional requirement at economic cost, subject to availability of stock in central pool.
Govt. of India also allocates foodgrains to States/UTs for other additional requirements such as natural calamity (including drought), festivals, etc at MSP/MSP Derived Price for wheat and rice respectively.
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